



**1164<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**  
7:30PM Wednesday April 24, 2013  
Building C, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California

# **REMEMBERING CALIFORNIA'S 1898 WAR VOLUNTEERS**

**PRESENTED BY  
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## *1163<sup>rd</sup> meeting, March 27, 2013*

John Jencek presented his talk, **Roman Republican Coins.**

John presented a basic overview of the history of Republican coinage and brought a number of representative samples for members to examine. The Greeks early coinage efforts were intended to facilitate their extensive trade links around 600 to 700 B.C. These early coins were made of electrum, a mix of gold and silver that some think was a natural occurring alloy. By 450 B.C., Greek coins had become artistic works of art intended to demonstrate the prestige of the issuer as well as facilitating trade.

Romans at this time were using the Aes rude, rough bronze ingots, from the 6th Century through the 4th Century B.C. Cast bronze bars, Aes signatum, with designs replaced the crude ingots in the 3rd Century. The Aes grave, a large bronze cast coin appeared after 289 B.C. with a Janus head and a ship prow as obverse and reverse designs. These were still tokens of value as no actual value was printed on them. The first silver Roman didrachms were struck around 235 B.C. when Rome acquired large amounts of gold and silver in tribute from Carthage following the first Punic War. The first gold coins were likely struck around the time of the second Punic War.

The first silver denarius was struck around 218 B.C. and the silver standard remained relatively stable and endured for nearly 400 years. Designs changed with different moneyers and political events. The series includes a range of artistic and political expression making for an interesting series to collect.

### *Exhibits included:*

David shared five and ten dollar star notes released by the government as part of a special Millennium set of coins and currency.

Stephen shared a bronze Egyptian coin tariffed as a silver drachm, hence its large size.

Dan exhibited a 1932 silver proof medal commemorating the German ship Niobe and an 1888 Frederick of Prussia death thaler. He also displayed a set of early copies of the 1796 Castorland medal.

Bill exhibited a set of Celtic coins made near Paris along with their Roman Republican prototypes.



Catz displayed a 2007 Mongolian commemorative featuring a Wolverine.

Michael exhibited a 1939 SF/NY world's fair medal from Argentina featuring a wine press. He also shared an 1890 San Francisco Chronicle so-called dollar.

Mark shared an 1895 Argentinian Essay coin, El Salvador coins struck at San Francisco and Philadelphia, and a large medal struck in 1960. He also displayed a check from a San Francisco bank for a hydraulic mining company located in North Bloomfield.

Federico shared a Mexico token probably issued for clearing a field, a 1929 Costa Rica five centavo, and two Italian medals.

Jerry exhibited three early San Francisco badges including a homemade badge for the 1915 PPIC and an 1874 BDFGA badge with the name William Dunphy. The meaning of BDFGA remains unsolved.

**Welcome New Member:** Michael Garcia

### **Annual Banquet:**

Mark your calendars for our annual banquet, Saturday, June 22. Something new this year. We have a barbeque planned for the afternoon at the home of Federico Castillo in Berkeley. His home address will be sent separately to those registered for the event. Per person costs will be \$25, a significant savings from our usual costs. Dinner will include a variety of fair trade, grilled organic meats and vegetables. Please indicate a choice of meat or vegetarian so that we plan appropriate food purchases. Please register at the meeting or mail your reservation and funds to the recorder at:

PCNS Banquet c/o Hyder  
128 S. Navarra Dr.  
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

### **Reminder: 2013 Annual Papers Contest**

PCNS is accepting entries for its 2013 Papers Contest. Submissions must be previously unpublished original writing on a numismatic topic. Participation is open to all. You do not need to be a PCNS member to participate.

Deadline for submissions of papers for the 2013 papers contest should be submitted by the April 24th, 2013 PCNS regular meeting.

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***2013 meeting Schedule:***

- May 22, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
- June 22, 2013: Banquet Location TBA
- July 24, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
- August 28, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
- September 25, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
- October 23, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
- November 27, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason
- December 18, 2013: Building C, Fort Mason